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FOR AMB. BUSH

SUBJ: JDL: Kahane's Intent to Disrupt US-Soviet Relations

REF: USUN 4146, 4147

I share your concern over possibility of JDL attempt to disrupt atmosphere for President's visit to Moscow.

Under Secretary Johnson on November 3 wrote a letter to Senator McClellan with respect to the new

protection of diplomats and received an encouraging reply from the Senator to the effect that a committee

report is now in preparation. The Senator was hopeful that subcommittee hearings could be bypassed and the

measure "be quickly brought to the full committee and the Senate." It is by no means clear that these hopes

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will be realized but I believe you and your staff could use this information discreetly to indicate that there is some movement on the new legislation. In particular, it would be useful to transmit this on a confidential basis to the Soviet delegation.

3. Our Congressional liaison people believe it would be preferable for the bill to be considered by the Senate so that at this point failure of the House to allocate it to a subcommittee is not worrisome.

4. Nevertheless, I have no objection to your doing what you can to have responsible Jewish groups encourage Rep. Celler to get legislation moving. In this connection, however, I would urge you to point out to Celler and others to whom you talk that the issue is more than the protection of Soviet diplomats. It concerns the protection of all diplomats and involves

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a spectrum of possibilities which could gravely affect US relations with numerous other countries.

5. Meanwhile, I strongly support your efforts to meet with responsible Jewish leaders and get them to exert greater effort to ~~dissociate~~ dissociate themselves from Kahane and his extremist activities.

6. For our part, all the relevant bureaus concerned are engaged in intensive studies of this problem. These efforts have my personal support and Dept is determined to find feasible means to bring this problem under control.

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